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LETTER DATED 20 OCTOBER 1991 FROM THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF IRAQ TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

On instructions from my Government and further to our previous letters concerning violations by Kuwait of the provisions of the cease-fire between Iraq and Kuwait, I should like to inform you that on 18 October 1991 at 1230 hours a Kuwaiti patrol consisting of three vehicles penetrated Iraqi territory in the area bounded by the Safwan border post at coordinates 600332 and the Jabal Sanam border post at coordinates 542321, and proceeded to commit the following violations:

(i) It opened fire on some Iraqi farm workers, seriously wounding one of them;

(ii) It abducted two of the farm workers into Kuwaiti territory;

(iii) The same day, at 1300 hours, the Kuwaiti patrol opened fire on the Safwan post, but there were no injuries.

These serious violations by the Kuwaiti side constitute a gross and undeniable violation of the United Nations Charter, the rules of international law and the provisions of the cease-fire between Iraq and Kuwait established by Security Council resolution 687 (1991), and demonstrate open contempt for the concept of a demilitarized zone and of the report of the Secretary-General which established the terms of reference of the United Nations Iraq-Kuwait Observation Mission (UNIKOM).

It is the view of my Government that the Kuwaiti Government must assume full responsibility for the consequences of its acts and must ensure the safety of the Iraqi farm workers held by the Kuwaiti authorities and it categorically demands that they be released and immediately returned to Iraq.

In view of the violations we have cited, we would request you to intervene in accordance with the rules and principles of the United Nations

with a view to guaranteeing the return of the Iraqi citizens to their own country and to putting an end to the irresponsible acts committed by Kuwait.

I would be grateful if you could have the text of this letter circulated as a Security Council document.

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